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**UTILITY  
PATENT APPLICATION  
TRANSMITTAL**

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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| Attorney Docket No.    | 30140/10000A   |
| First Inventor         | Nicola A. Dicosola   |
| Title                  | FIRE RESISTANT CONNECTION HOUSING AND<br>A METHOD OF CONSTRUCTING A FIRE<br>RESISTANT CONNECTION HOUSING |
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1.  Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)

2.  Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3.  Specification [Total Pages 13 ]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)  
 - Descriptive title of the invention  
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications  
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix  
 - Background of the Invention  
 - Brief Summary of the Invention  
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
 - Detailed Description  
 - Claim(s)  
 - Abstract of the Disclosure

4.  Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6 ]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Sheets ]  
 a.  Newly executed (original or copy)  
 b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)  
 i.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7.  CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
(if applicable, all necessary)  
 a.  Computer Readable Form (CRF)  
 b. Specification Sequence Listing on:  
 i.  CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or ii.  Paper  
 c.  Statements verifying identity of above copies

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**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10.  37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement  Power of Attorney (when there is an assignee)

11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)

12.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations

13.  Preliminary Amendment

14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
(Should be specifically itemized)

15.  Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)  
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i).  
Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17.  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in the first sentence of the specification following the title, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/918,344

Prior application information: Examiner John C. Fox Art Unit: 3754

For CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 5b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

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## Complete if Known

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| Application Number   | Not Yet Assigned      |
| Filing Date          | Concurrently Herewith |
| First Named Inventor | Nicola A. Dicosola    |
| Examiner Name        | Not Yet Assigned      |
| Art Unit             | Not Yet Assigned      |
| Attorney Docket No.  | 30140/10000A          |

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| Large Entity              | Small Entity | Fee Description | Fee Paid  |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|---|
| Fee Code                  | Fee (\$)     | Fee Code        | Fee (\$)  |
| 1051                      | 130          | 2051            | 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |
| 1052                      | 50           | 2052            | 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.                    |
| 1053                      | 130          | 1053            | 130 Non-English specification   |
| 1812                      | 2,520        | 1812            | 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                         |
| 1804                      | 920*         | 1804            | 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                   |
| 1805                      | 1,840*       | 1805            | 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                    |
| 1251                      | 110          | 2251            | 55 Extension for reply within first month                                     |
| 1252                      | 420          | 2252            | 210 Extension for reply within second month                                   |
| 1253                      | 950          | 2253            | 475 Extension for reply within third month                                    |
| 1254                      | 1,480        | 2254            | 740 Extension for reply within fourth month                                   |
| 1255                      | 2,010        | 2255            | 1,005 Extension for reply within fifth month                                  |
| 1401                      | 330          | 2401            | 165 Notice of Appeal  |
| 1402                      | 330          | 2402            | 165 Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                    |
| 1403                      | 290          | 2403            | 145 Request for oral hearing  |
| 1451                      | 1,510        | 1451            | 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding                           |
| 1452                      | 110          | 2452            | 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable   |
| 1453                      | 1,330        | 2453            | 665 Petition to revive - unintentional  |
| 1501                      | 1,330        | 2501            | 665 Utility issue fee (or reissue)  |
| 1502                      | 480          | 2502            | 240 Design issue fee  |
| 1503                      | 640          | 2503            | 320 Plant issue fee   |
| 1460                      | 130          | 1460            | 130 Petitions to the Commissioner   |
| 1807                      | 50           | 1807            | 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |
| 1806                      | 180          | 1806            | 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                 |
| 8021                      | 40           | 8021            | 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |
| 1809                      | 770          | 2809            | 385 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))               |
| 1810                      | 770          | 2810            | 385 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))            |
| 1801                      | 770          | 2801            | 385 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                   |
| 1802                      | 900          | 1802            | 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application                 |
| Other fee (specify) _____ |              |                 |   |

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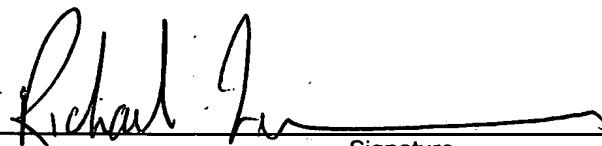
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Application Data Sheet